ELISHA’S ROOM

A LITTLE CHAMBER

 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 2 Kings 4:10 (KJV)

 Out of a heart of love the woman from Shunem and her husband offered Elisha a place to stay in their home. The desire of the woman was voiced in Second Kings Chapter Four and Verse Ten when she said “Let us make a little chamber.” This room or chamber, likely, already existed so it did not have to be built but needed to be prepared to meet the requirements she felt would be needed for a man of God. The outside of their home would be a simple wall of stone. Adjoining the wall would be a secluded area or porch. She was certain that this would offer him a quiet, secluded place in their home where he could rest and commune with God. This was not a big chamber for size did not matter; in fact, she said “let us make a “little” chamber.” He only needed a small place.

 My father in law told of the days when they had the day and night revivals and the pastor and evangelist would go home with them, eat lunch, and a pallet would be made for them to lie down and rest on the front porch. Over the years I have helped in the day and night revivals where we would go home with someone for lunch and spend the afternoon in their homes until the evening service. What a blessing it was when they offered me some quiet time and seclusion to talk with the Lord and meditate on the evening service. In the latter years I have stayed in motel rooms or houses provided by the church where I am preaching and it has been a blessing to have that place to go and be in communion with God. In our day of pretty good roads and modern automobiles we often allow the evangelist to drive home, if he is not far from home and rest as he needs to.

 There are some things that should be noticed in the Shunemite woman’s desire. She wanted him to rest in their house. She felt blessed by having him visit with them. It was a blessing to her and her husband if he would stay. They were willing to make the necessary adjustments for him to stay as long as needed. Great respect was shown to the prophet. He wasn’t expected to entertain them. They were more than glad to hear from God and wanted to hear all God had for them but they wanted to help in the ministry and therefore offered the little chamber to the prophet.

 It doesn’t take much to help in the ministry. Back when parking cost a quarter or fifty cents, some members would hand me a few dollars and tell me to use that for parking. Those people were helping in ministry. A man mowed my grass one time when I several revivals back to back and said that was his part in my ministry. God bless as we take part in the His ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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